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Security Committee

SECOM-D-356

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Donald P. Gregg
National Security Council Staff Member
SCC Counterintelligence Working Group

FROM:

Chairman

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SUBJECT: Proposed National Clearance/Investigative
Policy

REFERENCE: Memorandum dated 19 August 1980; Same
subject (SECOM-D-316)

1. As anticipated in the referenced memorandum, the DCI Security Committee is now engaged in numerous activities which ultimately could form the basis for a national clearance/investigative standards policy for the entire government.

2. In a series of meetings this month, the Security Committee has begun a thorough review of a recently completed study by one of its working groups on personnel security practices among Intelligence Community agencies. The magnitude and significance of that study has generated a continuing discussion of personnel security issues by committee members. Accordingly, additional meetings have been scheduled to provide a basis for appropriate courses of action. A copy of the working group's study is forwarded as Attachment A.

3. The Security Committee is also pursuing other avenues in an attempt to reach agreement on commonly enhanced security procedures in the Intelligence Community. The Committee has approved the concept of an interagency course for adjudicators. As a related matter, DCID 1/14 adjudicative guidelines are being reviewed. The potential value of the polygraph examination as a clearance-screening device for all Intelligence Community agencies is being actively explored. The Security Committee staff is developing a uniform personal history statement for government-wide use in security clearance-related actions.

4. In a completely separate action, as a response to a recent GAO recommendation, an interagency task force has completed its report on a proposed system for designating the sensitivity of government positions and activities. Under the co-chairmanship of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and the Department of Defense (DoD), that group has proposed a five-level system of position sensitivity accompanied by corresponding investigative requirements. The DCI Security Committee plans to forward appropriate recommendations to the task force for its consideration and adoption.

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5. Imponderables associated with the major issues now under review make it impossible to set a realistic target date for completion of overall action. As an alternative, the Security Committee staff recommends your favorable consideration of a proposal to tie requirements for background investigations directly to Executive Order 12065 clearance levels. It is further recommended that the appropriate investigative requirements be promulgated as an annex to E.O 12065, as shown in Attachment C. These recommendations are consistent with data and conclusions outlined in the "Proposed National Clearance/Investigative Policy" attachment to the referenced memorandum of 19 August 1980.

7. At your convenience, the Security Committee staff and I stand ready to provide additional background on this proposal and to respond to any questions.

Attachments

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